

## ***Our New Fire Chief***



Fire Chief Bill Harriman

## **Harriman Named As New Fire Chief**

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Veteran Duxbury firefighter and Deputy Chief William Harriman was named Fire Chief this week by Town Manager. Harriman, who has been a Duxbury firefighter for 25 years, has been serving as interim chief since Kenneth Erickson left earlier this year to become the fire chief in Walpole.

In announcing Harriman's appointment to selectmen Monday night, Town Manager Rocco Longo said: "Clearly, he was ranked as the number 1 candidate." Harriman was one of 31 applicants and 4 finalists. A 10-member citizen's selection committee screened applicants

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congratulated Harriman on his appointment. (Selectman Chairman James Murphy did not attend the meeting.) Kearney praised Harriman saying he had "made quite an impression on me" during the time they worked together on the long range planning process and that she was pleased he had been chosen as chief.

Selectmen have 14 days in which to veto Harriman's appointment, although Kearney said she feels this will not be the case. This appointment is effective immediately.

Harriman, who began as a Duxbury fire firefighter in 1971 and rose through the ranks to reach deputy chief in 1983, said this appointment is a fulfillment of "a life long goal." He will oversee a department of 18 career firefighters and 10 call firefighters and an annual budget topping \$1 million.

Harriman said he plans some "subtle changes" at the fire station with an emphasis on customer service, fire prevention and public education.

Duxbury's new chief began his career 36 years ago as a volunteer firefighter in Carver. He served as a Sergeant/fire protection specialist in the army from 1967-1970 and was honorably discharged. He also worked for the Bureau of Forest Fire at that State Department of Natural Resources before he joined the Duxbury force.

In regard to the filling the job of police chief, Longo said he would like to be able to announce the name of the new chief by the end of this week. In a related matter, Darlene King of Franklin St. presented selectmen a

petition with 520 signatures calling for the appointment of a local candidate.

In other business, selectmen:

- granted a wine and malt liquor license to Charles Goode, owner of the Sand Dollar Grill at 8 Chestnut St. Goode, who bought and renovated the restaurant, currently serves breakfast and lunch but said he wanted to serve dinner also. Five citizens spoke in favor of the license and a petition with 170 signatures from restaurant patrons who supported the license was presented to selectmen.

Although selectmen voted 2-0 for the license, Weiler was concerned about this issue. He wondered how many liquor licenses the town needed, (it has 15 currently), and did not feel that Hall's Corner, which already has 3, needed another one. "In a town of 14,500 we have 15 liquor licenses. That's quite a bit," he said.

The license will expire in December as all liquor licenses do and Goode then can reapply.

- conducted an informational meeting with the owners of the Wine Depot in Hall's Corner and their lawyer John McCluskey about the possibility of turning their seasonal all alcoholic liquor license into an annual license. Currently the store can sell wine and malt liquor all year, but is restricted from selling other types of alcohol except from April to Nov.

- learned that the Council on Aging will move to the Old Town Hall and the Recreation Department will move to the Girl Scout House. Both organizations must move before Dec. 20 because their current location, the Lower Alden School, has been reclaimed by the school department for use for next September due to overcrowding in the high school. Both organizations hope these moves are temporary and that they can find permanent homes. This is the 4th move in 7 years for the Rec. Dept.

- granted a bonus shellfish season for the commercial and recreational harvesting of soft shell clams for Nov. and a commercial bonus season for quahogs for Nov.